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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Director of Practice on January 8 and 9, 2001.

DATES: Monday, January 8, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, January 9, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Director of Practice and Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-694-1805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Suite 4200E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC on Monday, January 8, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, January 9, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the November 2000 Joint Board examinations in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the

syllabus for the Joint Board's examination program for the November 2001 pension actuarial examination and the May 2001 basic actuarial examinations will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the November 2000 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1 p.m. on January 8 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 p.m.. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements should must notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than December 30, 2000, to 202-694-1876, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director SC:DOP, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Provincial Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee renewal.

SUMMARY: In response to the continued need of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior for advice on coordination and implementation of the Record of Decision of April 13, 1994, for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, the Departments have renewed the Provincial Advisory Committees for 12 provinces. The purpose of the Provincial Advisory Committees is to provide advice on coordinating the implementation of the Record of Decision and to make recommendations promoting the integration and coordination of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Stephens, Planning Specialist, Forest Service, USDA, (202) 205-0948.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of the Interior, has renewed the Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs), which will advise the Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC). The purpose of the PIEC is to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the Record of Decision of April 13, 1994. The PIEC consists of representatives of the following Federal agencies: the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division.

Ecosystem management at the province level requires improved coordination among governmental entities responsible for land management decisions and the public those agencies serve. The PACs provide

advice and recommendations to promote integration and coordination of forest management activities between Federal and non-Federal entities. Each PAC will provide advice regarding implementation of a comprehensive ecosystem management strategy for Federal land within a province (provinces are defined in the Record of Decision at E-19).

The chairing responsibility of the PACs will alternate annually between the Forest Service's and the Bureau of Land Management's representative. When the Bureau of Land Management is not represented on the PIEC, the Forest Service representative will serve as chair. The chair, or a designated agency employee, will serve as the Designated Federal Official under sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

The renewal of the PACs does not require an amendment of Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service planning documents because the renewal does not affect the standards and guidelines or land allocations. The Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service will provide further notices, as needed, for additional actions or adjustments when implementing interagency coordination, public involvement, and other aspects of the Record of Decision.

Equal opportunity practices are followed in all appointments to the advisory committees. To ensure that the recommendations of the PACs have taken into account the needs of diverse groups served by the Departments, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

Paul W. Fiddick,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this

notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request the reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection. This information is used by CCC and FSA to issue payments or other disbursements. The program under which payments are made are authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1970, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, the Food Security Act of 1985, and the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 12, 2001 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact David Tidwell, Agricultural Program Specialist, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0517, telephone (202) 720-4542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Payer's Request for Identifying Number.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0121.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: In order to provide the Internal Revenue Service with proper identification for the processing of tax returns, all producers who receive CCC and FSA program payments must provide FSA with a social security, employer, or IRS identifying number. Form CCC-343, Payer's Request for Identifying Number, will collect this information without regard to whether the payee is required to file a tax return or is covered by social security.

The county FSA office prepares a CCC-343 for each producer who has not furnished a producer ID number. Once the ID number is obtained and provided to the county FSA office, the producer is not requested to provide this information again.

FSA does not make any program payment until a producer furnishes a social security, employer, or IRS identifying number.

Identification of producers allows FSA to provide IRS with identifying numbers for tax collection purposes. Section 6676 of the Internal Revenue Code provides a penalty for failure to furnish an identifying number to a payer required to report such number to the Service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 (5 minutes) per response.

Respondents: Producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 250 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to David Tidwell, Agricultural Program Specialist, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2415, (202) 720-4542.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from David Tidwell at the above address.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 5, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Proposed Change in Price Support Differentials for Flue-Cured Tobacco, and Invitation to Comment

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is proposing to set price support differentials for the 2001 crop of flue-cured tobacco, that, because of market conditions, would provide a zero price support rate for tobacco that has not been cured in barns with an